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Preface

For part-time citizen legislators, the interim between sessions is an opportunity for time to study and reflect on questions of state policy--an opportunity unavailable during the hectic days of the biennial session. The interim also offers the public an opportunity to work with its elected representatives to achieve better government.

This directory outlines legislative membership and staff support for the full array of interim activities in which the Legislature has a major or primary role. The directory is designed to support full participation by both legislators and the public in the interim work of the Legislature. To that end, information regarding the authority and purpose of each activity is included along with the names and addresses of members and staff.

The interim is a dynamic period. Information is as complete as possible when this directory is published; however, committees may organize following publication, memberships may change, or new committees may be created. All changes are noted in the monthly newsletter, The Interim, published by the Legislative Council and available to the public at a nominal charge. Active users are advised to note changes as they are reported.



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Interim Study Subcommittees

Joint Interim Subcommittee on School Revenue

Statutory Citation: Chapter 633, Laws of 1993

House Bill No. 667, the extensive school funding reform legislation, was amended in the final days of the 1993 Session to include an interim study of "certain taxes and property valuation for the purpose of enhancing equalized school funding and of equalizing tax burdens among the state's school districts". The specific study commands include: an exploration of the best means of including in the formula for equalizing funding per student and for equalizing the tax burden among school districts the revenue from local government severance taxes, new and interim production of oil and natural gas, the "flat tax" on coal, corporation license taxes collected from financial institutions, and motor vehicle fees; and identification of measures that would allow the value of all centrally assessed property to be included in the formula for equalizing funding per student and for equalizing tax burdens among school districts.

As authorized by the study directive, the Legislative Council assigned the study to this Subcommittee composed of four members from and selected by the Revenue Oversight Committee, four members from and selected by the Legislative Finance Committee, and two members from the Legislative Council. The study plan envisions sharing information between this interim Subcommittee and the aforementioned permanent entities.

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Study Resolution: Senate Joint Resolution No. 31, Laws of 1993

Senate Joint Resolution No. 31 calls for an interim study of the following: problems relating to the cost and availability of liability insurance, including the high cost of medical malpractice insurance and how to make insurance coverage and protection available to Montana citizens at a reasonable cost; issues involving public and private liability, including public and private immunity, punitive damages, structured settlements, caps on damage awards, joint and several liability, and attorney fees; and proposals for general tort reform. When appropriate, the study is to be coordinated with the study of tort reform and defensive medicine to be performed by the Montana Health Care Authority, as provided for in Senate Bill No. 285.

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Study Resolution: House Joint Resolution No. 27, Laws of 1993

House Joint Resolution No. 27 requests an interim study that is focused on the needs of Montana veterans and that specifically addresses the following issues: the feasibility of providing long-term nursing home care and home health care; a review of the extent of access, geographically and otherwise, of veterans to health care; the continuum of veterans' services available throughout the state; and a review of and further clarification of state policy regarding veterans' affairs. The study committee may request assistance from the Veterans' Affairs Division of the Department of Military Affairs and from the Department of Corrections and Human Services.

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Study Resolution: House Joint Resolution No. 33, Laws of 1993

House Joint Resolution No. 33 asks that a study committee investigate the feasibility of a 24-hour health care coverage program in lieu of the medical portion of workers' compensation and possible coordination with other national and state health care programs and reforms. The study must also include a review of the safety program, the fraud program, the cost containment program, and other workers' compensation legislation adopted by the 53rd Legislature.

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The Environmental Quality Council (EQC) is required to review and appraise state programs and activities related to the environment to ensure compliance with the Montana Environmental Policy Act (Title 75, chapter 1, MCA). The EQC is composed of four House members, four Senate members, and four public members. A representative of the Governor's Office serves as a nonvoting member.

Through passage of Senate Bill No. 225 (Chapter 242, Laws of 1993), the Legislature continued its commitment to develop the state's energy policies through the cooperative efforts of the EQC, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, the Consumer Counsel, and the Public Service Commission. The 1993 Legislature also requested that the EQC study water quality nondegradation issues (Senate Joint Resolution No. 29) and the management and disposal of hazardous waste in Montana (Senate Joint Resolution No. 34).

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Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 13, MCA

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Statutory Citation: Article XIII, Section 2, Montana Constitution; Title 5, chapter 15, MCA

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The law charges the Legislative Council with administrative responsibilities relative to the Council staff. An important responsibility of the Council since 1975 has been supervision of the codification of Montana's statutes by a Code Commissioner assigned to the Council staff. The Montana Code Annotated (MCA), as recodified and published by the Code Commissioner, was adopted as *prima facie* the law of Montana by Chapter 1, Laws of 1979.

The one nonadministrative policy study function assigned to the Legislative Council provides a legislative safety valve. In the event that a problem demanding legislative attention arises during the interim, the Council may assign study of the problem to an appropriate study committee. Chapter 1, Laws of 1987, allows the Council to assign such a study to either a joint interim subcommittee or an appropriate statutory committee.

Chapter 7, Laws, of 1993, abolished the Capitol Building and Planning Committee and reassigned its functions to the Legislative Council. The Council is to consult with the Department of Administration on assignment of space in the Capitol and to advise the Montana Historical Society on the placement of artwork of a permanent nature within the public areas of the Capitol Building.

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The staff of the Legislative Council acts as an independent, nonpolitical, impartial staff agency for the Legislature, performing those duties and functions assigned by law or as directed or requested by members and committees of the Legislature. The Council staff also provides information to the public in legislative matters.

The staff is divided into four functional divisions: Legislative Services Division, Research and Reference Services Division, Legal Services Division, and Management and Business Services Division. Two additional divisions are activated during a legislative session: the Legislative Information Office and Legislative Printing and Distribution.

The Legislative Services Division is responsible for clerical preparation of bills. This division is also responsible for the compilation, publication, and distribution of the following: bill drafting record index, internal reference report, Rules of the Montana Legislature, code sections affected list, Daily Bill Status, Combined Final Status, daily and final Journals of House and Senate, Session Law, and text and annotations of the

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Montana Code Annotated. Annotations, including case notes to federal and state court decisions and other materials useful to MCA users, are published separately from the section text in booklet format that may be easily updated.

The Research and Reference Services Division and the Legal Services Division have many of the same responsibilities. Both divisions perform general and specialized research and reference and information functions. Staff members from both divisions may staff legislative committees during the session and throughout the interim, draft legislation, prepare legislative and staff reports, and provide information on the legislative process to the public. During the interim, the Legal Services Division is primarily responsible for updating the Montana Code Annotated. The Research and Reference Services Division has primary responsibility for staffing interim committees and providing reference services. The Research and Reference Services Division maintains a reference library containing items of special interest to legislators and legislative staff. The library maintains a liaison with other libraries to help make information available as quickly as possible.

The indexers in the Legal Services Division provide an index to the Montana Code Annotated, the subject index for all bills introduced during a legislative session, and the Journal Index, Legislative Review Index, Session Law Index, Bill Drafting Manual Index, Combined Final Status Index, Legal Research Memorandum Index, and Legislative Rules Index. The indexes are updated during and after each legislative session.

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Statutory Citation: Section 85-2-105, MCA

The 1983-84 Select Committee on Water Marketing recommended creation of this permanent Water Policy Committee, along with other revisions in state water policy, to maximize Montana's interests in the allocation and management of state waters. The Committee is directed to: advise the Legislature on the adequacy of the state's water policy and of developments that affect Montana's water resources; oversee the policies and activities of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and other state agencies as they affect the water resources of the state; and communicate with the public on matters of water policy.

This interim, Senate Bill No. 310 (Chapter 629, Laws of 1993) requested that the Water Policy Committee, in coordination with the Department of Justice, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and the Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission, conduct an interim study regarding "late claims" to water rights.

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Administrative Code Committee

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 14, MCA

The Administrative Code Committee was established in 1975 as a permanent committee to review all proposed rules, amendments, and rule repeals filed with the Secretary of State under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act (Title 2, chapter 4, MCA). The powers of the Committee are set forth in Title 2, chapter 4, part 4, MCA.

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Revenue Oversight Committee

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 18, MCA

The Revenue Oversight Committee was created in 1979 to review proposed rules of the Department of Revenue and to exercise legislative oversight of that Department. The Committee also investigates and reports on any other matters concerning taxation.

Chapter 608, Laws of 1989, required the Revenue Oversight Committee to estimate and report to the Legislature the amount of revenue projected to be available for appropriation. The Committee must introduce a house joint resolution setting forth the Committee's revenue estimate in each regular and special session in which a revenue bill is under consideration. The 1989 Legislature also required the Department of Revenue to report at every Committee meeting on the progress in completing the property revaluation cycle (Chapter 13, Laws of 1989).

Chapter 40, Laws of 1993, abolished the Coal Tax Oversight Subcommittee of the Revenue Oversight Committee and assigned the Committee the duties of reviewing and reporting on programs financed by coal severance tax funds and on matters related to coal taxation.

The 1993 Legislature assigned two studies to the Revenue Oversight Committee for the interim: House Joint Resolution No. 30 requested a study of tax expenditures as they relate to the state's budgeting process; and Senate Joint Resolution No. 33 requested a study of special improvement district and rural special improvement district financing.

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Committee on Indian Affairs

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 19, part 1, MCA

The 1989 Legislature authorized a statutory Committee on Indian Affairs to continue the work of six previous interim legislative committees. Armed with its new permanency, the Committee will continue the following duties: encourage participation of Indian people in Committee meetings; act as a liaison between the Indian people and the Legislature; encourage tribal-state and tribal-local government cooperation; and hold hearings to promote better understanding between the tribes and public agencies.

Chapter 636, Laws of 1993, increased the committee membership to eight.

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Job Training Partnership Act Review Committee

Statutory Citation: Section 53-2-1110, MCA, and 29 U.S.C. 1515

The federal Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) requires a legislative committee to review and comment on proposed state plans for the administration of two-year state job training programs under JTPA. Members are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. The Job Training Partnership Act Review Committee will examine issues concerning priority and targeting of services to those most in need, coordination of JTPA services with other employment and training programs in the state, and standards for performance of the program. Absent any statutory requirements for committee size, legislative leadership reduced the membership of the Committee from eight to four members for the 1993-94 interim.

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Joint Oversight Committee on Children and Families

Statutory Citation: Chapter 301, Laws of 1993

The 1991-92 Joint Interim Subcommittee on Children and Families sponsored House Bill No. 19 (Chapter 301, Laws of 1993) to create a permanent legislative committee with the following assignments: to examine public and private programs, services, and planning for children and families for the purpose of identifying duplications, inefficiencies, and any unmet needs within those programs, services, and plans; to review all funds available to state and local jurisdictions for programs and services and to consider feasible methods of refinancing of those resources to maximize overall funding for existing and new programs; to monitor legislation that mandates interagency coordination of programs and services for children and families; to study further coordination and collaboration among public and private human service providers at all levels of government in Montana; and to monitor any pilot programs designed to provide early identification of and support for families that may be at risk of child abuse and neglect and at risk of out-of-home placement of their children.

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Committee on Public Employee Retirement Systems

Statutory Citation: Chapter 450, Laws of 1993, and Chapter 549, Laws of 1993

The past interim's Joint Interim Subcommittee on Public Employee Retirement Systems sponsored House Bill No. 65 (Chapter 549, Laws of 1993) to create a statutory committee to review and evaluate all legislative proposals affecting the state's 12 public employee retirement systems. Any party, including the retirement boards and employee and retiree groups, that plans to introduce retirement legislation is required to submit proposals to the Committee on Public Employee Retirement Systems for review by November 25, 1994. Other Committee duties include reviewing the fiscal status of the retirement systems and developing sound retirement policies for recommendation to the Legislature.

Although the Committee on Public Employee Retirement Systems has an appropriation of \$7,200, the Legislative Council is authorized to accept for Committee use any contributions of up to \$14,000 from the various retirement systems and public employee and retiree organizations.

House Bill No. 485 (Chapter 450, Laws of 1993), legislation concerning automatic postretirement cost-of-living adjustments, called for a study of equitable, reasonable, and soundly funded guaranteed annual postretirement benefit adjustments for members of the statewide public employee retirement systems. The legislation requested that the project be assigned to the Committee on Public Employee Retirement Systems.

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Judicial Unification and Finance Commission

Statutory Citation: Chapter 632, Laws of 1993

The Judicial Unification and Finance Commission, created this session by House Bill No. 525, is charged with a review of court funding, the potential unification of judicial administration, selection standards for judges, and other issues relevant to court operations.

The 13-member Judicial Unification and Finance Commission is composed of a legislative member from each house, three members representing the public and appointed by the Governor, two members appointed by the Chief Justice of the Montana Supreme Court, and six other members, one from each of the appointing organizations listed below. Funding for the Commission's work includes up to \$25,000 from the District Court Criminal Reimbursement Program and up to \$33,000 in other contributions. The Legislative Council is designated to provide staff support to the Commission.

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State Housing Task Force

Statutory Citation: Chapter 572, Laws of 1993

House Bill No. 581 requests that a 16-member task force study the availability of housing for lower-income and middle-income Montanans and investigate the current and feasible methods and mechanisms for housing assistance to those citizens. By November 1, 1993, the Governor is to appoint a Task Force member from each of the following entities or interest groups: the Montana Senate; the Montana House of Representatives; the Governor's Office; the public housing authorities in the state; the Montana League of Cities and Towns; the Montana Association of Realtors; the Montana Bankers Association; the Montana League of Savings Institutions; the Human Resource Development Council Directors Association; a Montana landlords association; the Montana Building Industry Association; low-income groups; the Montana Association of Counties; the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; neighborhood housing services; and physically disabled persons. The Legislative Council is requested to provide staff for the Task Force.

Appointments were not available at time of publication. Please request addendum after November 15, 1993.

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Other Interim Committees

Legislative Energy Policy Committee

Statutory Citation: Section 90-4-303, MCA

The Legislative Energy Policy Committee was established in 1979 to advise the Governor in developing provisions for allocation, conservation, and consumption of energy during conditions of energy supply alert or emergency. Membership consists of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and minority leaders of both the House and Senate. Each of these members may appoint a member.

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Joint Committee on Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget

Statutory Citation: Chapter 387, Laws of 1993

For the fourth consecutive session, the Legislature has authorized an interim study committee on postsecondary education policy and budget issues. The Joint Committee on Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget also serves as liaison between both the Legislative and Executive Branches and the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education.

This interim's enabling legislation (Senate Bill No. 77) altered the Joint Committee on Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget membership by increasing the legislative members from four to eight, by adding a student member, and by eliminating membership of the Commissioner of Higher Education. The Board of Regents of Higher Education appoints the two regent members, and the Governor appoints the Executive Branch representative and the student member. The staff of the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst will assist the Committee, with the aid of an appropriation for \$15,000 for the biennium.

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Legislative Liaison Committee for the Montana Lottery

Statutory Citation: Section 23-7-203, MCA

Chapter 161, Laws of 1987, which amended provisions for the Montana lottery approved by the electorate in November 1986, established the four-member Legislative Liaison Committee to meet once each fiscal year with the Lottery Commission and to report to each Legislature on the activities and operations of the state lottery. A legislator who has any ownership interest in any gambling device or establishment may not be appointed to the Committee. Members are compensated for travel and expenses from the administrative allocation of lottery proceeds.

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Selected Government Committees to Which Legislators Are Appointed

Local Citizen Review Board Screening Committee

Statutory Citation: Chapter 610, Laws of 1993

The President of the Senate selects a member of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives selects a member of the House to assist in selecting the judicial districts in which to pilot the local citizen review boards created in Senate Bill No. 271. The boards are to improve the monitoring of foster care placements.

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Legislative Oversight Committee on Montana-ARCO Litigation

Statutory Citation: Chapter 354, Laws of 1993

A legislative oversight committee on the progress of the Montana-ARCO litigation and negotiations is required as part of House Bill No. 401 to meet quarterly for briefing and to consider use of any money received by the state as a result of the litigation.

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Legislative Consulting Panel to the Microbusiness Advisory Council

Statutory Citation: Section 17-6-411, MCA

Four legislators are chosen by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Committees to work with the Microbusiness Advisory Council, a 13-member group appointed by the Governor to advise the Department of Commerce regarding the creation, operation, and maintenance of the microbusiness development and finance program.

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Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission

Statutory Citation: 2-15-212, MCA

Two legislative members selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two selected by the President of the Senate are assigned to the Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission, a body that adjudicates existing water rights under Montana water use statutes and negotiates water rights with the federal government and the Indian tribes.

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Gaming Advisory Council

Statutory Citation: 2-15-2021, MCA

The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Committees each select a legislative member to this nine-member group that advises the Department of Justice on possible changes in the state's gambling laws and rules and on all aspects of gambling-related matters.

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Interstate Cooperation Organizations

The Council of State Governments (CSG)

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 11, part 3, MCA

The Legislative Council is designated by 5-11-301, MCA, as the Montana Commission on Interstate Cooperation and, as such, as a member of the Council of State Governments (CSG), an organization of all the states and territories of the United States. The primary mission of CSG is to promote and strengthen state government in the federal system by providing staff services to organizations of state officials. Montana is a member of the Western Legislative Conference of CSG, representing the governing bodies of 13 western states. The purpose of the Conference is to foster and encourage intergovernmental cooperation in the West through joint consideration of common problems. The basic work of the Conference is accomplished through study committees.

The Legislative Council appoints legislators as delegates and alternates to CSG committees. The members serve two-year terms. The 1993 Legislature followed the actions of the 1991 Legislature and did not appropriate funding to participate in this organization in the next biennium.

The Western Office staffs the Western Legislative Conference of CSG and several other affiliate organizations. State legislative staff members also assist in the work of the Western Legislative Conference on a selective, time-limited basis.

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National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

Statutory Citation: None

The purpose of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) is to improve the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures, to assure the states a strong voice in federal decisionmaking, and to foster interstate communication and cooperation.

As the designated Commission on Interstate Cooperation, the Legislative Council has traditionally appointed the Montana members of the NCSL committees. Traditionally, the Legislative Council appoints legislators as delegates and alternates to NCSL committees. The members serve two-year terms.

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National Conference of State Legislatures

Committees of the State-Federal Assembly

The State-Federal Assembly was formed to: determine policies to guide lobby efforts and to encourage state legislative action before Congress; provide legislators to testify before Congress; provide legislators to serve on advisory panels; and provide legislators to meet with White House and Executive Branch officials. Policy positions are developed through review and investigation by each committee.

Agriculture and Forestry

This committee has jurisdiction over agricultural issues, such as biotechnology, sustainable agriculture, food safety and inspection, rural development, and pesticide regulation. It monitors alternative fuels research and state extension services. The committee also tracks the five-year reauthorization of the farm bill and oversees forestry issues, such as problems associated with old-growth forests and management of the national forests.

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Commerce, Labor, and Regulation

This committee has jurisdiction over issues of economic regulation, such as financial institutions, insurance companies, and antitrust laws. Issues of labor-management relations, employment discrimination, and family/medical leave policies are recent high priorities. Housing, community development, enterprise zones, and technology development issues are also concerns.

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Education and Job Training

This committee has jurisdiction for all federal education programs, including those administered by the Departments of Health and Human Services, Defense, Agriculture, and Commerce and the National Science Foundation.

Montana Member:

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Environment

This committee has jurisdiction over issues of air and environmental quality; solid, hazardous, and radioactive waste; and water. Among key topics are Superfund site cleanup and interstate disposal of solid waste.

Montana Member:

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Energy

This committee focuses on federal-state policies in the following areas: energy conservation, exploration, and taxation; federal budget and block grants; geothermal,
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hydroelectric, shale, solar, and renewable energy issues; mining; natural gas; nuclear power and waste; settlement money; and utility issues. The committee addresses national energy policy and energy independence issues.

Montana Member:

Rep. Joe Quilici (D)
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Health

This committee concerns itself with such health topics as Medicare, Medicaid, long-term care, mental health, substance abuse, minority health, disabilities, AIDS, and health care reform.

Montana Member:

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Human Services

This committee's issues divide into three major categories: food and nutrition; income security and social services; and immigration policies.

Montana Member:

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Assembly on the Legislature

The Assembly on the Legislature provides a forum for consideration of issues internal to state legislatures and state government. Members of the committees are automatically members of the Assembly. Both legislators and legislative staff are eligible for membership on the Assembly's committees. The Assembly and its committees meet approximately three times each year, including once at the NCSL annual meeting.

Commerce and Economic Development

This committee studies a wide range of state policies and programs that seek to promote economic development, including university-business partnerships, technology transfers, workforce training, community development, and environmental issues related to economic development.

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Pacific Northwest Economic Region

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Under the terms of House Bill No. 508 of the 1991 Legislature, Montana has joined the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington and the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia in the Pacific Northwest Economic Region. The organization is intended to allow the states and provinces to act together to increase the potential for strengthening the region's world-trade posture through increased cooperation while enhancing the environment and quality of life.

Four Montana legislators--one each appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the minority leaders of each house--will serve on the Pacific Northwest Economic Region's delegate council. House Bill No. 2 appropriated \$30,584 for dues and attendance at meetings for this organization.

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